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1. On 20 October 1953, the first transport of iron ore from Krivoy Rog, USSR, put in to Sztalinváros harbor. Contrary to the Hungarian Government's usual practice, this happening was not celebrated in any way, in fact it was even kept secret. Workers of the Iron and Steel Works in Sztalinváros, for which the shipment was intended, also were not informed of its arrival.
2. The transport comprised three **MSZHRT** towed barges loaded with ore. As the harbor installations of Sztalinváros are still under construction, and cranes and other unloading equipment are not available, laborers carrying out earth-works were enlisted to unload the ore shipment. They used wheelbarrows to bring up the ore from the barges at anchor.
3. Hitherto the Iron and Steel Works in Sztalinváros have been processing exclusively: (a) Hungarian scrap iron and (b) ores which were purchased by Hungary from various countries. According to the plan, the works are now to be supplied exclusively with Krivoy Rog ore.
4. The production of the Iron and Steel Works at Sztalinvaros is intended to go exclusively to the Hungarian Ministry of Defense and to the USSR...

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